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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 for one (1) month from March 23, 2004 to April 23, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Title PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HYPERGASTRINEMIA

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